

# Jax Air News

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## TOUCHING BASE



### Town Hall meeting coming up

A Town Hall meeting and barbeque will be held at the Yellow Water Housing Area Recreation Center tonight at 5:30 p.m. Child care will be provided by MWR.



### VS-22 crewmembers to be remembered

A Memorial Service will be held Oct. 9 at 1 p.m. at the All Saint's Chapel for Lt. Cmdr. Michael Chalfant Jr., 36, of Jacksonville; Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey Gray, 40, of Mound, Minn. and Lt. Jg. Thomas McCombie, 25 of State College, Penn. The three crewmembers from VS-22 died while participating in training exercises near Puerto Rico.

### Mark calendars for Navy Ball 2002

The Navy Birthday Ball will be held Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the River Cove Officer's Club. Tickets are \$15 per person for E1 through E6, \$20 per person for E7 through O3 and \$25 for O4 and above, civilians, retirees and guests. Tickets are now on sale through the Wing CMC, Hospital CMC and Base CMC offices.

The attire is dinner dress whites for E7 and above, service dress whites for E6 and below and black tie and coats for civilians.

For more information, call 542-2934.

### Bike art?

### Bicyclers not authorized on Yorktown

Bicycling on Yorktown Road aboard NAS Jax is not authorized due to the high volume of traffic in this area. Cyclists must use other roads or ride on the sidewalk that runs on the south side of Yorktown Road.

## NLMOF watches for hurricanes

By JO2 Mike Jones  
Assistant Editor

Isidore's damage to the Gulf Coast last week serves as a reminder that hurricane season is far from over.

Although the storm's wind speed barely classified it within hurricane strength, it's blamed for at least two deaths and much costly damage.

"You always have to be prepared. There was a time when the 'Isidore' system could've easily switched course and come north towards Jacksonville," said Naval Atlantic Meteorology and Oceanography Facility's (NLMOF) AGC(SW) Corey Brooks. "It's best to always be prepared."

Each year, hurricane season falls roughly from June 1 to Nov. 30. During that time, the earth's waters begin to warm, allowing for tropical disturbances to form.

Brooks explained the most dangerous part of the season comes as summer shifts to autumn.

"Now that we're into the September/ October time frame, our cooler frontal systems are stretching down a little further, and they have a direct impact on these tropical systems," he said.

"In the summer, we don't get these frontal systems as much — they're usually closer to the poles," he stated.



NLMOF's AGAN Chad Kallenberger tracks storm movements using Automated Tropical Cyclone Forecasting (ATCF) software. Photo by JO2 Mike Jones

These frontal systems act as steering mechanisms, pulling the storms across much of the eastern and gulf shores.

"The first third of hurricane season, which normally runs from June 1 to July 31, is sometimes fairly quiet with most of our systems developing in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean.

"By the second third of the season, from Aug. 1 to Sept. 30, we see a lot of our systems coming across from the African continent, because now the water all the way across the ocean is warmer," said Brooks. "By November, our fronts are so far south, the tropical systems are usually picked up

and pulled out to sea — far from shore."

Hurricanes are classified according to intensity, and fall into five categories. A Category 1 hurricane typically carries sustained winds of 64 — 82 knots and may cause minimal damage.

However, a Category 5, as in the case of 1969's Hurricane Camille, carries sustained winds greater than 135 knots, surges up to 18 feet and can leave catastrophic destruction in its path.

"We haven't had a Category 3 hurricane hit the continent in two years, and there hasn't been a major system to hit Jacksonville since 'Dora' in

the 1960s," Brooks remarked.

Using state of the art technology, members of NLMOF are keeping constant watch for any major disturbances.

With Automated Tropical Cyclone Forecasting (A.T.C.F.) software, NLMOF Sailors are able to receive crucial data such as wind speed and surge heights via satellite from thousands of buoys in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean.

"Jacksonville sits much farther west than other Eastern Atlantic coast cities, making it less vulnerable to a hurricane strike. However, residents should always be prepared in the event of a catastro-

phe," said Brooks.

"Keep your hurricane locker stocked full of all the necessary items. Keep up to date with an effective way of contacting family members to let them know you're all right if you have to evacuate. Have a plan. Walk through that plan with your family, because if the word is given to evacuate, it can get pretty hectic," he added.

Links to hurricane preparedness checklists and other hurricane related material are available on the NLMOF website at [www.nlmo.f.navy.mil](http://www.nlmo.f.navy.mil)

For more information, visit: [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov), [www.srh.noaa.gov](http://www.srh.noaa.gov) or [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

## Paving the way . . . err . . . Avenue



Photo by JO2 Jackey Bratt

Paving of all roads aboard NAS Jacksonville is near completion. This week paving is being done on Yorktown Avenue. Drivers are reminded to use alternative routes, if possible, to avoid traffic delays. The construction is expected to be completed by Saturday.

## NAS Jax and area commands win Navy Community Service Program awards

By Staff

The results of the Southeast Regional competition for the 2001-2002 Navy Community Service Program (NCSPP) annual awards were recently announced by Rear Adm. Jan Gaudio, Commander, Navy Region Southeast.

This competition is held each year to recognize those commands who spend numerous hours giving back to their local communities. All first place regional winners will go on to compete in Navy-wide competitions based on their nominated categories.

Placing first in the Health, Safety and Fitness Flagship for Shore Category 3 (more than 500 command personnel), was NAS Jacksonville. Placing first in the Shore Category 1 (less than 200 command personnel), was COMH-SWINGLANT Rescue Swimmer School, Jacksonville.

This award was presented to NAS Jacksonville for their coordination and hosting of the annual Florida Area Five Special Olympics' games, and their participation in Jacksonville's annual 'Stand for Children Day' walk and community fair; and to COMH-SWINGLANT Rescue Swimmer School for their community involvement with the Girl and Boy Scouts and special-needs children of Northeast Florida in their 'Adventure Days' activities.

Other awards from here, include NAS

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## WEEKEND WEATHER

	<b>FRIDAY 76/89</b> PARTLY CLOUDY
	<b>SATURDAY 77/89</b> PARTLY CLOUDY
	<b>SUNDAY 77/88</b> PARTLY CLOUDY

Seven-day forecast available at Naval Atlantic Meteorology and Oceanography Facility Jacksonville's Web site:  
<https://www.nlmo.f.navy.mil>

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LEGAL BRIEFS

Think before co-signing a loan

From Navy Legal Service Office

What would you do if a friend or relative asked you to co-sign a loan? It is easy enough to say yes. But your signature means a lot more than a "vote of confidence" in a friend or relative. Co-signing is serious business.

**Co-signers often pay** Some studies show that three out of four co-signers of finance company loans are asked to repay the loan. That should not surprise you.

When you are asked to co-sign, you are being asked to take a risk that a professional lender will not take. Think about it. The lender would not need a co-signer if the borrower were a good risk.

If you do co-sign and your friend or relative misses a payment, the lender can collect from you right away without pursuing the borrower first.

And the amount you owe may be increased, by late charges or by legal fees, if the lender decides to sue to collect. If the lender wins the case, he or she may be able to take your wages and property.

Do not be pressured into co-signing. Consider your decision carefully - co-signing may not be a good idea.

**If you do co-sign** Despite these risks, there may be times when you want to co-sign. Perhaps your son or daughter needs a first loan, or a close friend is facing

repossession, court action, or otherwise needs help. Here are a few things to consider before you co-sign:

\* Be sure you can afford to pay the loan. If you are asked to pay and cannot, you could be sued or your credit record could be damaged.

\* Consider carefully before you pledge your property, automobile, or furniture to secure the loan. If the borrower defaults, you could lose these possessions.

\* Ask the lender to establish the specific amount of money that you might owe. The lender does not have to do this, but some will if asked. You may also be able to negotiate the specific terms of your debt.

For example, you may agree to pay the principal balance on the loan, but not late charges, court costs, or attorney's fees.

In this case, ask the lender to include a statement in the contract like this: "The co-signer will be responsible only for the principal balance on this loan at the time of default."

\* Ask the lender to agree, in writing, to notify you if the borrower misses a payment.

Notification should come before a late charge is added, or before the loan is "accelerated" (when the whole loan must be repaid at once). This way you will have time to deal with the problem or make back payments without having to repay the whole

amount.

\* Make sure you get copies of all important papers signed by the borrower: the loan contract; the Truth-in-Lending Disclosure Statement; and any warranties for products purchased if it is a credit sale.

You may need these if there is a dispute between the borrower and the seller.

As of March 1, 1985, the Federal Trade Commission requires that all co-signers be given the following notice:

You are being asked to guarantee this debt. Think carefully before you do. If the borrower doesn't pay the debt, you will have to. Be sure you can afford to pay if you have to, and that you want to accept this responsibility.

You may have to pay up to the full amount of the debt if the borrower does not pay. You may also have to pay late fees or collection costs, which increase this amount.

The creditor can collect this debt from you without first trying to collect from the borrower.

The creditor can use the same collection methods against you that can be used against the borrower, such as suing you, garnishing your wages, etc. If this debt is ever in default, the fact may become a part of your credit record.

This notice is not the contract that makes you liable for the debt.

NAS Jax hosts 31st Military Retiree Seminar

Volunteers from the Veterans of Foreign Wars local chapter offer some information about their organization to patrons of the 31st Annual Military Retiree Seminar held here last Saturday. The event was sponsored by the NAS Jax Retired Activities Office.



Photo courtesy of the NAS Jax Retired Activities Office

HEY MONEYMAN

Hey, MoneyMan:

Some of my friends have been investing in the stock market, buying mutual funds and stuff but I think they are loosing their shirts.

They used to talk about it all the time, but things are pretty quiet now. Do you think Sailors make enough money to buy stocks?

MoneyMan Sez:

Yep, of course they do. But, then comes the hard

part. Are they better off with stocks or with mutual funds, bonds, CD's, real estate, baseball cards, gold, silver or cash?

How about the TSP, IRA's, ROTH IRA's or life insurance? Investing decisions are not easy and expert advice from more than one source is advised.

One thing you can bet on: almost always those who invest month after month are better off financially

than those who do not. But be careful.

If an investment advisor comes to your home or barracks in order to sell you an investment plan, be sure to check it out with someone who has nothing to gain or lose if you buy the product.

Some of the "military sounding" companies which are out there will charge as much as 50 percent of your first year's investment as their commission.

Others do not charge any "commission" or "load." Always - always - always

get a second opinion before you sign on the dotted line. By the way, financial scams are more prevalent now than ever before.

To check the records of financial institutions, file a complaint, or to report financial fraud, call 1-800-848-3792.

Do not waste your money falling for the slick pitches of telemarketers, con artists or loan sharks.

**More questions? Call Hey MoneyMan at 778-0353.**

Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Northeast Florida area, including Clay County, is home to numerous military installations representing all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, a large number of the military personnel assigned to duty in Northeast Florida have chosen to live and raise their families in Clay County, with many of them becoming permanent residents following active duty or retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, our military families have played a vital role in the growth and development of Clay County bringing a diversity of social and cultural richness to the county that has significantly enhanced the quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clay County Chamber of Commerce annually hosts a Military Appreciation Luncheon to salute the military families of Clay County, paying special honor to a Clay County Military Person of the Year, Military Spouse of the Year and Military Reservist of the Year.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners, Clay County, Florida, does hereby proclaim the week of Sept. 29 through Oct. 5, 2002 as:

"Military Appreciation Week" in Clay County and express our sincere appreciation to the military families of Clay County for their outstanding contributions to this county and this nation.

**DULY ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners, Clay County, Florida, this 24th day of September, 2002.

Signed by the Board of County Commissioners Clay County, Florida.

Patrick McGovern, chairman  
Larry Lancaster, vice-chairman  
George A. Bush  
Glenn Lassiter  
Christy Fitzgerald




Sunday Services

You are invited to the following Base Chapel Worship Services this Saturday and Sunday:

**Saturday** 5 p.m. - Catholic Mass  
**Sunday** 8:30 a.m. - Protestant  
**Communion** 9:30 a.m. - Catholic Mass  
11 a.m. - Protestant Worship

Children's Sunday Class - Protestant Sunday School program is at 9:45-10:45 a.m., and Catholic CCD is 10:45 a.m.-noon.



### Meet A Sailor...

BM1 BRAD KUHL

**Job title/command:**  
NAS Jax Urinalysis

**Hometown:** Bay City, Mich.


**Family Life:** Married to wife, Alexandra, two daughters, Morgan and Jordan.

**Past Duty Stations:** USS Stark (FFG 31)

**Career Plans:** To retire from the Navy and pursue a job in electronics.

**Most Interesting Experience:** Being stationed overseas and meeting different people.

**Words of Wisdom:** Life is full of obstacles which must be overcome.



### Meet A Civilian...

RAINELDA SEVILLA QUINTINO

**Job title/command:**  
Sales Clerk, Navy Exchange

**Hometown:** Jacksonville

**Family Life:** Married for 24 years, two sons, John and Raindo and daughter, Carla.

**Past Duty Stations:** Portsmouth, N.H., San Diego, Calif. and South Carolina

**Most Interesting Experience:** When my three children graduated on the honor roll in high school. They all received scholarships to college.

**Words of Wisdom:** To love and honor thy parents.

NJROTC Field Meet needs judges

On Nov. 2, Allen D. Nease High School NJROTC will host the fifth annual Panther Navy Invitational Inter-service Field Meet at the Nease Stadium. Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Navy JROTC units from Brunswick, Ga. to Miami will compete in academics, athletics and drill events.

Fifty volunteers are needed to act as judges for this event. Judges are needed for the personnel inspection, color guard, basic armed drill, exhibition armed drill, basic unarmed drill, exhibition armed drill, and athletic events.

The uniform for personnel inspection judges will be Service Dress. Khakis are authorized for drill events. Athletic judges may wear Navy athletic gear.

Judges must be at the NJROTC Building no later than 6:15 a.m. for a critical briefing session. The first team will take the field at 7 a.m. sharp. Home cooked food and beverages will be provided to the judges throughout the day, free of charge.

Judges are requested to sign-up by Oct. 15. Please contact Cadet Lt. Cmdr. Peter Garofalo at 824-7275, ext. 6112, 6175, or 6161 for more information.

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# Naranjo relieves Prendergast as FISC Jax commanding officer

From FISC

Capt. Edward Naranjo will relieve Capt. John Prendergast as he assumes command of Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Jacksonville (FISC Jax) during a Change of Command Ceremony tomorrow at 11 a.m. at the BOQ Pavilion.

Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command and Chief of Supply Corps Rear Adm. Justin McCarthy will be the guest speaker.

Naranjo, a veteran with more than 20 years of naval service, will lead a staff of more than 400 military and civilian personnel located throughout the Southeast; providing critical logistics support to the Navy warfighters.

In addition, he will serve as the Commander, Navy Region Southeast regional program manager for logistics.

Naranjo is a 1974 graduate of Syosset High School in Syosset, N.Y. and a 1978 Business administration

graduate from the University of New Hampshire.

He has earned masters degrees in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. and in International Relations from Salve Regina University.

He was commissioned in December of 1979 after completing Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I.

Naranjo's sea tours include duty as supply officer, USS Ray (SSN 653), stores and supply support officer, USS McKee (AS 41) and supply officer, USS Peleliu (LHA-5).

His shore tours include assignments as outfitting assistant and contracting intern, Naval Supply Center, Charleston, S.C.; director of Ship Alterations Division, flag lieutenant and Submarine Platform manager, Navy Ships Parts Control Center, Mechanicsburg, Penn., student, Naval War College, Newport, R.I. and Armed



Capt. Edward Naranjo

Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.; Navy logistics officer for Foreign Military Sales, Office of Defense Cooperation, Athens, Greece; contracting supervisor for high dollar value information technology acquisitions, Naval Information Systems Management Center, Washington, D.C.; congressional liaison for readiness programs, Navy Office of Legislative Affairs, Washington, D.C.; and executive assistant to the



Capt. John Prendergast

Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness & Logistics, Washington, D.C.

Under Prendergast's leadership, FISC Jacksonville implemented Logistics Support Centers at NS Mayport, NS Pascagoula, and NS Ingleside; moving workload ashore for the Sailors and directly improving readiness.

Prendergast directed the development of a Tiger team provided both supply

and procurement support to the USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) as it prepared to deploy two months early to support Operation Enduring Freedom.

In addition, FISC provided critical support to Operation Enduring Freedom detainee operations in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba by procuring and expediting delivery of more than \$1.2 million of building supplies.

Prendergast personally intervened with critical contracting and transportation issues, resulting in air shipment of more than 300 tons and surface shipments in excess of 10 million pounds.

Prendergast's accomplishments in support of the war against terrorism were matched at the local level by record operational performance in the Fuel Depot resulting in the prestigious American Petroleum Institute award for outstanding Navy fuel terminal in 2001.

In addition, Prendergast personally directed the

implementation of most efficient organizations in hazardous material management, personal property, and administrative support resulting in savings of \$11 million.

During his tenure at FISC, he ensured the prudent use of BP-28 fund allotments exceeding \$60 million per year by balancing sufficient stock levels across 12 regional inventories to meet customer requirements and maintain inventory effectiveness and solvency.

In his role as Commander, Navy Region Southeast regional program manager for logistics, Prendergast served as an astute financial manager, stretching the regional logistics budget of \$30 million to support nine stations and more than 500 personnel, greatly improving material support and quality of life.

Prendergast will depart to become the Deputy Commander of Fleet Operations for the Naval Supply Systems Command.

## 'Diamondcutters' shine on deployment

By Lt.j.g. Chris Drago  
VS-30 PAO

The "Diamondcutters" of VS-30 have enjoyed a successful first half of cruise. With three months under their belt, and three left to go, Team Diamond continues to excel.

The Diamondcutters have continued to proudly represent not only the VS community as a whole, but also the George Washington Battle Group.

The squadron has put up some impressive numbers thus far in their combat cruise. With more than 1,000 total sorties complete, accounting for more than 1,900 total hours, VS-30 continues with their "workhorse" mentality.

Nearly 600 daytime carrier arrested landings, and another 350 at night, proves that the Diamondcutters are no strangers to flying around "the boat."

The squadron members have served proudly in both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Southern Watch.

With the War on Terrorism still on their minds, the Diamondcutters spent their first two and a half months in the North Arabian Sea in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Team Diamond logged nearly 300 sorties accounting for more than 550 OEF

mission hours.

With their work in the Arabian Sea complete, VS-30 headed toward the Persian Gulf. As the first VS squadron in the gulf since the Sept. 11 attacks, the Diamondcutters supported their battle group in Operation Southern Watch.

The squadron flew more than 40 sorties, accounting for more than 100 mission hours.

During both of these operations the crew earned their keep by ensuring that the returning strikers had enough fuel to make it "home" safely.

With some missions covering hundreds of miles, returning strike aircraft were routinely running dangerously low on fuel. A pleasant site to all strike aviators, the "mighty Viking" was waiting to top off fuel-starved strikers.

With air-to-air refueling as their primary mission, the Diamondcutters have passed nearly 1,950,000 pounds of fuel to their fellow aviation brethren.

Team Diamond also serves as the eyes of the battle group with their around-the-clock surface surveillance missions.

With the skilled usage of their APS-137 radar, squadron members make sure the area surrounding the battle group is clear of potentially hostile surface combatants.

None of these accomplishments would exist without

a highly-trained maintenance department. Their continued hard work and dedication has made it possible to keep the squadron fully mission capable and operationally ready. This strict attention to detail attributed in the squadron's impressive 98 percent sortie completion rate.

But it hasn't been all hard work with no play. Team Diamond has enjoyed port visits to Souda Bay, Crete in Greece and most recently to Jebel Ali in the United Arab Emirates.

The Diamondcutters also recently promoted four squadron members to chief petty officer - PNC(SW) Timothy Robinson, ATC(AW) Keith Benjamin, AOC(AW) Mike Rock, and ADC(AW) Octavus Shelton.

When they're not busy flying in support of the War on Terrorism, the



Photo by PH2(AW) Kristoffer White

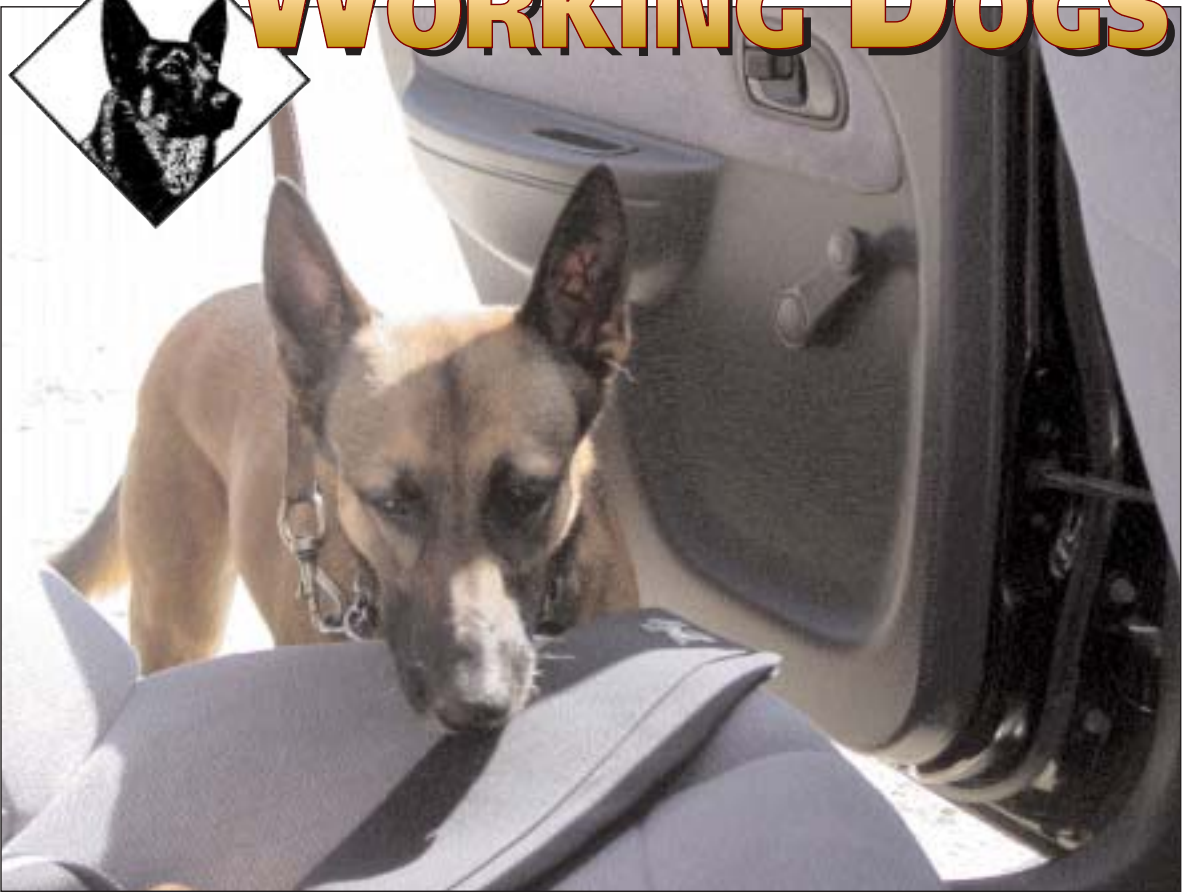
A S-3B "Viking" from VS-30 prepares to make an arrested landing on the flight deck of USS George Washington (CVN 73).

Diamondcutters continue to train on both the AGM-84H (Slam-er) and the AGM-65E (Maverick) missile systems.

Team Diamond would like to send their love and thanks their family and friends back home for their continued support.



# WORKING DOGS



Cindy, a military working dog checks out a vehicle for contraband.



MA1 Serafin Perez gives his partner, Brando, a reward for responding to a specific command.



MA1 Serafin Perez controls Cindy, a military working dog, as she demonstrates an attack on MA1 Mitchell Young during a daily training exercise.



## Military patrols don't always wear shoes

By JO2(SCW) Eric Clay  
Staff Writer

A special group of police officers at NAS Jacksonville's Security Department have become partners with a new breed of patrolmen. These patrolmen wear the same badge, are relied on for back-up and protection just like a regular patrolman.

The only difference is that these patrolmen have four legs and a tail. They are the Military Working Dogs (MWDs).

MWDs are trained from the time they are old enough to leave their mother's care to protect and serve our country. They are initially trained overseas in Germany and Holland. A consignment team from the United States Department of Defense travels overseas and purchases the best of the litter.

The dogs go through training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas for approximately 120 days. During this time not only are the dogs being trained but also so are their handlers. The handlers are

also taught at Lackland Air Force Base. The handlers are taught how to give commands to the dogs and how to reward them for carrying out a specific task.

The dogs are rewarded with food, play toys or a simple show of affection. "A show of affection can be more rewarding to the dogs than a toy or food because it shows the love we have for them," said MA1 Mitchell Young.

During a normal working day, the dogs train or work for 30 minutes at a time. "Training is just as important as actual work," added

Kennelmaster Eric Lashley.

After training is completed, handlers will give their dogs a break which may include playing a game of catch or Frisbee to give the dogs and their handlers some exercise.

These dogs serve many different purposes in the Department of Defense security force although their primary jobs are patrolling and detecting. "Different types of scents are used to train MWDs to

locate either illegal drugs or explosives," said Young.

The dogs visit the base veterinarian at least once every six months for a complete check-up and any needed medical treatment," said Lashley.

"We patrol 24 hours a day with the resources we have. The NAS Jacksonville MWD division is growing and is looking at being



# WORKING DOGS



MA2(SW) Johnathan Hidalgo and his partner, Hesta check a department for contraband materials.

Photos by JO2(SCW) Eric Clay

## DOGS: MWD's and handlers undergo constant training

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at full force by the end of next year," Lashley continued. "We are there to support the mission of security on the base."  
The dogs usually remain at the same duty station their entire career, while the handlers rotate throughout the Fleet. When the handler transfers, they receive a new partner.  
The military dogs work until they are unable to complete the tasks of their job. They are then retired and placed up for adoption. This usually occurs when the dogs reach their teens.  
The handlers are able to adopt their

former partners or the public may adopt the canines under special circumstances.  
The dogs are highly-trained for security purposes and may not be a suitable pet for a family with small children. For this reason, young children are reminded not to approach these dogs, as they are in a working status.  
For more information about the military working dog program and the adoption process, contact the Kennel Master at 542-2662.



MA1 Mitchell Young and MA1 Serafin Perez stand proudly alongside their partners, Brando and Cindy.

## Loyal canine rescues owner in distress

By Kaylee LaRocque  
Staff Writer

What began as just another short walk through the trees alongside the St. Johns River at NAS Jacksonville recently, quickly turned into a heroic adventure for a Navy wife and her trusted canine companion.  
It was a blustery, clear day as Anna Maria Menendez and her two and a half year old German Shepherd, Isabella set out for their daily walk in a wooded area near the NAS Jax Patriot Point Family Housing Area.  
Menendez who suffers from osteo-arthritis and Isabella, who has hip dysplasia headed for their favorite area along the river.  
"As I was standing looking out at the water, a big wave came and startled me. I didn't have the right kind of walking shoes on and I had taken my pain medication earlier which sometimes makes me a little dizzy. The next thing I knew, I had fallen forward down the bank onto the rocks in the water. I

had no control of my body and couldn't get up because I was wearing my arm braces for my condition. Isabella immediately jumped into the water and started to nudge me. Fortunately, I was able to grab her collar and she pulled me back up the bank," said Menendez, excitedly.  
"I sat down for awhile to get my bearings and she laid next to me. I was so stunned this happened, I began to praise Isabella and hug her when I realized that she had rescued me. It's really a miracle that I didn't have any injuries from falling on the rocks. Although soaking wet, I was able to walk home and didn't seek medical help. When we got there, I got cleaned up and hosed Isabella down. When my husband came home from work, I told him what had happened and he was just amazed," she said, a little embarrassed.  
"I felt like a fool, falling like that. I'm a clumsy person, but nothing like this has ever happened before. She just had the instinct that I was in trouble and rescued me," added Menendez.

According to Menendez, Isabella has never had any formal obedience training, just the basic commands she and her husband, HM1 Ivan Menendez have taught her.  
The Menendez', along with their two children, Raquel and Andrew, and their two dogs, Isabella and Nala, a Chihuahua moved to NAS Jacksonville in January when Ivan was transferred to the Healthcare Support Office.  
"This may seem like a silly story, but we always hear about people being praised for the accomplishments they do, well this time it is a dog who deserves the praise. I'm so proud of Isabella, she really did save my life," Menendez concluded.  
Although the event made her a little more conscious about her surroundings and she vows to wear the "proper" shoes from now on, Menendez and Isabella can be found each day on their therapeutic walks along the river.



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque  
Anna Maria Menendez and her dog, Isabella stand at the site where Menendez fell into the St. Johns River. Her dog pulled her out of the water, possibly saving her life.

# FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



Engine Two firefighters investigate a natural gas leak in Navy housing.

## You can't blame Mrs. O'Leary's cow!

### The History of Fire Prevention Week

The history of Fire Prevention Week has its roots in the Great Chicago Fire, which began on Oct. 8, 1871, but lasted 27 hours and incurred the most damage the following day. As a result, Oct. 9, 1871, is the date most often connected with the tragic conflagration. In the end, the Great Chicago Fire killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres.

While the origin of the fire has never been determined, there has been much speculation over how it began.

One popular legend was the Mrs. Catherine O'Leary was milking her cow when the animal kicked over a lamp, setting the O'Leary's barn on fire and starting the spectacular blaze. However, this was disproven a few years ago by Chicago historian Robert Cromie.

On the Great Chicago Fire's anniversary, the formal Fire Marshals Association of North America (now the International Fire Marshals Association, or IFMA) sponsored the first National Fire Prevention Day, advocating an annual observation as a way to keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, National Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday-through-Saturday period in which Oct. 9 falls.

In addition, the President of the United States has signed a proclamation pronouncing a national observance during that week every year since 1925.

Dedicated to raising public awareness about the dangers of fire and how to prevent it, the National Fire Protection Association

#### Fire Prevention Week schedule of events

- The following are events scheduled for Fire Prevention Week:
- Oct. 6-12: Open house at all Fire Stations from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - Oct. 7-8: Static display at the Navy Exchange Retail Store with "Sparky" and Fire Engine Company from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  - Oct. 7-10: Unannounced Fire Evacuation drills base-wide
  - Oct. 8: Sesame Street Fire Prevention Puppet Show at the NAS Jax Youth Center, Building H2065 at 4 p.m. and the Yellow Water Housing Youth Center, Building 3072 at 7 p.m.
  - Oct. 9: "Sparky" the Fire Dog to visit the Children's Ward at the Naval Hospital from 10 to 11 a.m.
  - Oct. 10: Sesame Street Fire Prevention Puppet Show at the Child Development Center, Building 705 at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

#### The following are facts about fires from the NAS Jacksonville Fire Department:

- A home fire is reported to a fire department in the United States roughly every 1-1/2 minutes.
  - About 85 percent of all fire deaths occur in home fires.
  - Someone in the United States dies in a home fire roughly every 2-1/2 hours.
  - Three in every 10 reported home fires start in the kitchen – more than any other place in the home.
  - Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States.
  - Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires.
  - Heating equipment fires are the second leading cause of home fires and of related deaths.
  - Smoking materials (i.e., cigarettes, cigars, pipes, etc.) are the leading cause of fire deaths and the third leading cause of fire injuries in the United States.
  - The leading cause of residential fires associated with smoking materials is abandoned or carelessly disposal of materials.
  - Electrical distribution equipment (i.e., wiring, switches, outlets, cords and plugs, fuse and circuit breaker boxes, lighting fixtures and lamps) was the third leading cause of home fires and the second leading cause of fire deaths in the United States between 1994 and 1998.
  - NFPA estimates that 94 percent of U.S. homes have at least one smoke alarm.
  - Homes with smoke alarms typically have a death rate that is 40-50 percent less than the rate of homes without alarms.
- Remember smoke alarms are the most effective early warning devices available.

(NFPA) has officially sponsored Fire Prevention Week since the observance was first established. Fire Prevention Week 2002 is Oct. 6-12.

This year's theme, "Cover the Bases and Strike Out Fire" teaches people how to inspect their homes for fire

hazards, so that they can prevent three of the leading causes of home fires - cooking, heating, and electrical. It also encourages the public to develop and practice a home fire escape plan, which includes testing and maintenance of smoke alarms.

# Who's in charge?



Photos courtesy of VP-5

AW2 Christopher Watson takes his job as Command Master Chief for the Day very seriously at VP-5.

## Sailors take command for a day

By Lt.j.g. Brett Staples  
VP-5 PAO

Every Sailor has lamented to themselves or others at some point in their career, "Things would be different if I were in charge." Well for a few members of VP-5, that opportunity became a reality, if only for a short while.

The VP-5 "Mad Foxes" shared a bit of fun recently as they held a drawing for the positions of Commanding Officer of the Day, Command Master Chief of the Day, and Maintenance Master Chief of the Day. The event proved to be a great learning experience as well as a successful morale booster for the entire squadron. Everyone on the Mad Fox team enjoyed themselves during this change to the everyday work schedule as three Sailors had the opportunity to take charge.

AM3 Conroy McKenzie was awarded the opportunity to spend Sept. 23 as the commanding officer of VP-5. McKenzie carried out all the daily functions of Mad Fox One and was honored with all the respect and privileges afforded the position. He attended meetings and presented awards during the weekly all-hands quarters, in addition to many other tasks and duties.



AM3 Conroy McKenzie carries out his duties as VP-5's Commanding Officer of the Day. McKenzie won a contest which let him fill the position for a day.



AD1(AW) Samuel Yoh spent the day as acting maintenance master chief.

The prize of Command Master Chief of the Day was given to AW2 Christopher Watson, while Maintenance Master Chief of the Day was AD1(AW) Samuel Yoh. Both Sailors spent Sept. 24 in the role of their counterparts, gaining a much greater understanding of the everyday responsibilities of the senior leadership.

According to Yoh, "It was a great experience. It gave me a chance to run the entire Maintenance Department, and see how different it is from running a shop. I am looking forward to being a maintenance master chief someday."

All three Sailors enjoyed their time at the top while the people they replaced took advantage of a rare break from their busy schedules. In the end it was an enlightening experience for those involved and a good time for all.

## 'Five-a-day' week smooth



Photo by JO2(SCW) Eric Clay

Lt. Nancy Johnson (right), serves fruit smoothies to Ron Baker and his wife, Kitty at the Commissary last Friday to promote the services available at the NAS Jax Wellness Center and the "Five-a-day" week campaign. The campaign promotes a healthier lifestyle by eating five fruits or vegetables a day.

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# MWR welcomes two new employees

By Kaylee LaRocque  
Staff Writer

If you haven't dropped by the NAS Jacksonville Golf Course or Mulberry Cove Marina lately, you should stop by and welcome the two new managers of each of these recreational establishments.

Both are extremely thrilled to be here and bring with them an abundance of experience and new ideas on how to better serve their customers.

Heading up the golf course and all its facilities including Mulligan's Restaurant is Tim Hooks, who spent several years working here as the head golf pro. "I worked here about three years ago and was responsible for all the day-to-day operations for the golf course. It was a great job then, but I wanted to branch out into a management position and there wasn't one open here at the time, so I moved on," explained Hooks.

Hooks began his golf career in Atlanta, Ga. at about age 12. "I grew up on a golf course. I hate to say it's the only thing I know, but it really is," he said.

After high school, Hooks spent a couple years at Georgia State University, studying biology. He never finished, deciding instead to pursue a career in the golf business. When a friend moved to Jacksonville, Hooks followed and ended up working at The Ravines Golf Course. After moving around to several area courses, he ended up here. "This, by far, has been my best experience working in the golf business," Hooks stated happily.

Before taking his current position as golf director here, Hooks worked at a course in Gainesville. "The ownership of the golf course broke up and they ended up selling the course and I was laid off. Luckily, I heard the job here was opening up, so I applied. I had a pretty successful experience working here last time, so I think that's why I was hired. This is really the position, I've always wanted," said Hooks, who has been here for about two weeks.

As the golf director,

New Golf Course Manager Tim Hooks inspects a new golf club with Tony Cimato, an employee at the Pro Shop. Hooks recently took over the position here and has several ideas which will enhance the golf course and Mulligans.



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

Hooks is responsible for not only running the golf course, but the restaurant as well. "I'm kind of steering the ship. My job entails long-range plans, purchasing assets for the golf course, making any needed improvements and overseeing the restaurant operations," he added.

"This place has always been a great place to work and the people are wonderful. But, they are still doing all the same things they were doing three years ago when I left. I'd like to add a little pizzazz around here – create some excitement. Maybe provide some live bands at Mulligans and offer some more specials to the Sailors," explained Hooks, enthusiastically. "The golf course is really a great place to play, but I have a couple ideas to make it even better."

Although he has been spending much of his time at work lately, Hooks enjoys spending his off-hours with his family – wife, Tina and twin four-year-old girls, Erin and Lindsey. He also likes watching football, fishing, hunting, playing all sports and enjoying music as a hobby. And of course, he may just find some time to get in a quick round or two of golf.

As the new marina manager, Phil Collins, also brings a wealth of experience to the base. The Vermont native has spent much of his life working on the water. After one year of

college, during which he felt like he needed more direction, Collins joined the Coast Guard for four years, serving on a cutter for a year, and at Coast Guard Station Chincoteague Island, Va. for the remainder of his service. He served as a boat coxswain, law enforcement team member, and crewmember. "We conducted search and rescue, law enforcement, and fisheries patrol," he said.

After his tour, Collins headed home to Vermont to continue his education at Champlain College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in accounting. "During college, my best friend and I founded a commercial diving company, which helped pay my way through school. I also worked for Lake Champlain Transportation as a crewmember," Collins explained.

His next adventure brought him to Florida where he worked at a marina on Anna Maria Island as the parts manager. From there, he moved to Atlanta, Ga., finding a job as a trim carpenter for high-end homes and restoration projects. Later on, he took a position with Prudential Healthcare working as a financial analyst. "I really loved Atlanta, but it was difficult being away from the water. So when I met my wife, Tabitha, we decided to move to Beaufort, S.C. to be closer to the ocean," he

said.

There, Collins found a job at Lady's Island Marina, a restaurant/office/marina complex, as general manager. "After two and half years, I wanted to do more with the marina, expand it, offer additional services, but the absentee owners wanted to sell the facility and didn't want to put money into it," he stated.

A California-based government contractor gave him an offer he couldn't refuse, so Collins moved on and worked as a project/financial controls manager on numerous military bases in South Carolina, for the next three years.

Then, Collins learned of the opening here for a marina manager. "We really loved Beaufort, but after our son, Wyatt, was born, we decided we wanted an environment that offered more to do and better schools. So I applied here and was hired. This is a great facility and the people are wonderful – that's why we moved here," said Collins happily.

Although he's only been here for about two weeks, Collins has several ideas to enhance the marina and what it has to offer its customers. "We plan to expand the marina and offer some new services. I'd like to see some more family-oriented events such as concerts on the lawn, a Kid's Day and



Photo by Kaylee LaRocque

New Marina Manager Phil Collins recently arrived here from Beaufort, S.C. Collins hopes to offer many more family-oriented events at the the Mulberry Cove Marina in the near future.

maybe a river festival. Right now, I'm just kind of getting into the swing of things. My biggest goal is to offer our customers the highest quality of service, make our processes as efficient as possible, and generate more revenue," he explained.

When he's not working, Collins spends time with his family, cooks, brews his own beer, goes fishing, does

woodworking and rides his motorcycle and bicycle.

The one thing he would like people to know about him is, "My name is Phil Collins, but I'm not the guy from the band, Genesis. I do play the blues harmonica and electric guitar, but I don't sing. And, I love this job. I work on the water with a great group of people, what more could I ask for?" he said smiling.

## Naval Hospital Jacksonville observes Domestic Violence Awareness Month

By Ensign D. Edson  
Naval Hospital Jacksonville

The staff of Naval Hospital Jacksonville will observe National Domestic Violence Awareness this month with increased attention to screening and prevention of abuse.

The U.S. Surgeon General has cited domestic violence (spouse abuse) as one of the major health problems facing American families today. "Nearly one third (31 percent) of American women report being physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend in the last year according to a 1998 Commonwealth Fund Survey.

In a memorandum to military agencies, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld stated, "Domestic violence in the military adversely affects unit readiness. We must make every possible effort to establish effective programs to prevent domestic violence, but when it does occur, we have a duty to protect the victims and take appropriate action to hold offenders accountable."

Medical professionals at all levels play a significant role in educating their patients about abuse, and in the early detection and treatment of this serious health issue. Routine questions

about violence not only identify women who are currently being abused but also serve to assess the safety of women who have been battered in the past and to heighten the awareness of those who have not been in abusive relationships. Even if the patient does not respond at the time, the fact the medical professional is concerned and believes abuse is a possibility will make an impression.

Education and increased awareness regarding the impact of domestic violence on individuals, families, and communities are the keys to decreasing its prevalence. The Navy Family Advocacy Program offers prevention

efforts that include: command education and training programs; life skills education programs; counseling; return and reunion programs; and the new parent support programs; counseling; return and reunion programs; and the new parent support program.

Assistance and additional information are available from the following: Fleet and Family Support Center, NAS Jacksonville, 542-2766, Fleet and Family Support Center, NS Mayport, 270-6600, and the Naval Hospital Social Work Department, 542-7441. The National Domestic Violence Hotline is 1-900-799-SAFE (7233).

# MWR NOTES

## Bingo happenings

There's money to be won and people to be met at the Bingo Hall. Come check out our hot specials this week:

Mondays pay out \$50 on part A and special games.

Tuesdays offer VIP drawings. You have the chance to win \$69 for a computer plus \$25 each time you yell Bingo.

Wednesdays are double lucky with double lucky ball - payout is \$300.

Thursdays change up Bingo to bogo with buy one get one free and special games.

Fridays are for fun and \$50 payouts part A also featuring the one and only \$1,500 game.

## CPO club

Settle back at your club and enjoy some great deals and fun. Members of the Monday mug club can enjoy refills for \$1. Tuesdays and Thursdays enjoy Happy Hour with free munchies and beverage specials from 4 – 8 p.m. Wednesdays are spouse's night. Bring your spouse to the club and they enjoy beverage specials. Dance to your favorite tunes, bring your own CD's.

## Mulligan's Oktoberfest

Come and join our authentic style Oktoberfest at Mulligan's 19th Hole. This themed event is Oct. 4 beginning at 4 p.m. Enjoy the sounds of Bavaria, and the German Alpine. Dance the polka, chicken dance, or join in on a conga line. There'll be a caricaturist to impress you with his artistic styling and a costume contest with prizes.

## Sea and Sky Spectacular planned

The thrills in the skies and the wonders of the sea are coming back to Jacksonville.

The 2002 Jacksonville Sea and Sky Spectacular will take place Oct. 31 - Nov. 3 at NAS Jacksonville and The Jacksonville Landing. For more information check out [www.nasjaxairshow.com](http://www.nasjaxairshow.com).

## Treat yourself through I.T.T.

You deserve a vacation, stop by I.T.T. and sign up for one of the

many trips on the calendar.

I.T.T. has Jaguar tickets on sale for every home game, only \$28 a ticket and anyone on base can purchase them with no limitations. I.T.T. also runs a shuttle to the home games and you can sign up for any game when you purchase your tickets.

We are looking for a few good volunteer drivers to drive the MWR shuttle to Jaguar games and other sponsored trips. If you currently hold a CDL license and would like to drive, please contact Pam Tierney at 542-8464 or e-mail [ptierney@nasjax.navy.mil](mailto:ptierney@nasjax.navy.mil).

For more information stop in our office located adjacent to the Navy Exchange in Bldg. 953-A. Trips are open to all base personnel and their guests. Call 542-3318 for more ticket information.

The following are upcoming events:

**Oktoberfest In Savannah** - Enjoy a historical tour of the city, followed by an Oktoberfest celebration Saturday for only \$26.50.

**Capitol Fun** - Experience Tallahassee with I.T.T. on Oct. 19. See Mission San Luis, the Capitol and the History Museum - all this and more for \$12.25.

**Halloween Horror Nights** - Tickets are now available at I.T.T., don't spend your time waiting in line at the park, have your ticket in hand when you get there. Peak night cost is \$36.80 and non-peak nights are \$30.10 per ticket.

## Ladies golf clinic

Ladies, come out and socialize Fridays at 4:30 p.m. at the NAS Jax Golf Club for only \$10/week.

## Is your command up to the challenge?

The Haunted Woods Challenge has been issued for 2002 to all commands on board NAS Jacksonville. Commands that wish to design and staff a scene for the Haunted Woods on Oct. 18 and 19 may win up to \$500 for their recreation funds.

Cash prizes (for recreation funds) are given for the top three places and you get to have a lot of fun being scary. Registration forms are located in all MWR facilities or can be obtained at [www.nasjax.navy.mil](http://www.nasjax.navy.mil).

## Upcoming Liberty trips

Trips are open to active duty and their guests only. Some trips

are restricted to active duty only.

Oct. 3 – 8-ball tournament. Free food at 6 p.m. and play begins at 7 p.m. Free to enter, and winner receives a \$25 gift certificate to the NEX. Active duty only.

Oct. 5 - Halloween Horror night. The van leaves at 4 p.m. The cost is \$25 for active duty, and \$29 for guests. Space is very limited-sign-up now.

Oct. 8 - House of card building contest. See who can build the tallest house in 45 minutes. Free food at 6 p.m. and play begins at 7 p.m. Free to enter, and winner receives a \$25 gift certificate to the NEX.

For more info, call 542-3491 or 542-1335.

## Bowling at Freedom Lanes

Looking to get out of the heat? NAS Freedom Lanes has something for everyone. Every Tuesday is \$5 "All you can bowl" from 4 – 9 p.m. Check out free bowling for active duty on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. For more information, stop by or give us a call at 541-3493.

Xtreme Bowling Saturdays – 4 p.m.

\$5/Person for two games and shoe rental

Saturdays – 10p.m.

\$9 person for three games and shoe rental

Super Sundays "All you Can Bowl" - 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Specials will not be sold after 2 p.m.

## Mulberry Cove Marina offers deals

The marina offers 20 percent off boat rentals for active duty Monday-Thursday.

Free canoe and kayak rentals for active duty are offered on Thursdays and family members are half price or you can ride in the same canoe or kayak for free.

We also have a free boat launch and camping equipment for rent. For more information, call 542-3260.

**Visit MWR online at [www.nasjax.navy.mil](http://www.nasjax.navy.mil) and look for the tab marked MWR. This is your tab to unlimited fun. For questions or comments e-mail us at [mwrnktg@nasjax.navy.mil](mailto:mwrnktg@nasjax.navy.mil).**

# AWARDS: Area commands win for community service

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Jacksonville tying for second place with Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity, Mayport in the Project Good Neighbor Flagship for Shore Category 3 and Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility (FACSFAC). Jacksonville placing third in the Project Good Neighbor Flagship Shore Category 1.

NAS Jacksonville was recognized for their participation in the Jacksonville Housing Partnership's annual 'Paint the Town' project, the Salvation Army's annual Christmas projects. The Player's Championship (TPC), and Habijax projects, among others. FACSFAC was honored for their work with 'Paint the Town', the Salvation Army and

Habijax, as well.

Also in this Flagship, Southeast Regional Calibration Center (SERCC) Jacksonville earned the Honorable Mention in the Shore Category 1 and Naval Air Depot, Jacksonville was given Honorable Mention in the Shore Category 3.

"The significant efforts in your support of DoD and non-DoD schools and youth groups and local and inter-agency partnerships with community assistance programs are an inspiration for others. Please accept my personal congratulations for your exceptional dedication, and my appreciation for your participation and continued support of the Navy's Community Service Program. You have made me and the Navy proud," said Gaudio.

# Ombudsmen celebrate 32nd birthday

The Navy's Ombudsman Program celebrated 32 years of service to Navy families last week. To recognize this milestone, an appreciation luncheon for NAS Jacksonville's ombudsmen was held at the Officer's Club. The program was established on Sept. 14 1970 by CNO Adm. Elmo Zumwalt. A special award was presented to Karen Rumpf, who has served as an ombudsman for 25 years. She is the Fleet and Family Support Center ombudsman trainer



Photo by JO2(SCW) Eric Clay

# Navy Band Southeast chief retires

By Staff

MUC Edward "Danny" Flanagan retired Sept. 27 after serving 20 years as a musician in the Navy. The ceremony and reception was held at NAS Jax at the BOQ pavilion.

Flanagan is a native of Rockland, Maine and a 1978 graduate of Rockland District High School.

After earning his Associates of Science in Music from the University of Maine at Augusta, he

enlisted in the Navy in December 1981.

Upon completion of recruit training and the basic music course at the U.S. Navy School of Music, Little Creek, Va., he reported to Navy Band Newport, Newport R.I. as a percussion instrumentalist.

In 1987, after a year sabbatical from active duty, he reported to Navy Band Orlando. His next tour took him to Navy Band COM-SIXTHFLT in Naples, Italy. And in 1994, he returned

to Navy Band Orlando and arrived at Navy Band Jacksonville in 1995, where he took the band to new heights.

Flanagan has led numerous bands throughout his career and served as the fiscal supply chief from 1999-2002.

He has performed with several major label-recording artists including The Contours, The Duprees, The

Marvellettes, Lee Greenwood, and Pops Fernandez.

He is a recent graduate of Columbia College earning a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems.

Flanagan and wife, Wendy and daughter, Amanda will reside in Jacksonville. He plans to teach and play music in the local area.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**The Navy Wives Club of America, NWCA Jax No. 86,** meets the first Wednesday of every month. Meetings are held in Building 612 on Jason Street at NAS Jacksonville at 7:30 p.m. The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays and every other Saturday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call the Thrift Shop at 772-0242 or President Barbara Howard at 471-1444.

**Clay County Chapter 1414, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, (NARFE)** invites all retired and currently employed federal employees to their regular monthly meeting, the second Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Orange Park Library. For more information call 276-9415.

**Submarine Sailors** - If you have qualified on a United States Navy submarine in the past or present you are invited to join "First Coast Sub Vets." If you have qualified on a submarine from a foreign country, you are invited to join as an associate member. Meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at the American Legion Post 316 on Atlantic Blvd. For more information contact the Base Commander at rjjax@attbi.com or 241-6222.

**The Marine Corps League, Jacksonville Detachment** holds their monthly meeting the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the VFW Post 7909 on Blanding Blvd. For more information call John Leisman at 779-7375.

**Girl Scout Troop 333** meets every Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m. at NAS Jacksonville Chapel Annex. All girls grade 4-6 are invited, adults are also needed. If interested contact Lynne Sebring at 317-2363 or come to the meetings.

**St. Joseph's New Directions** is a year-round support group for the divorced and separated. Meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. The meetings start at 6:45 p.m. and are held in the Convent at St. Joseph's main church on Loretto Road. Call 268-1591.

**Christian Fellowship Night** will be held behind the Chapel in Bldg. 749 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. every Tuesday night. For more information call 542-3051.

**Jackpott, (Jacksonville Parents of Twins and Triplets)** are having a garage sale on Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon at the Asbury United Methodist church in Orange Park. The church is located on

the corner of Blanding Blvd and College Rd. For more information call 908-4475 or email artwins@earthlink.net.

**The Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Women's Group** is sponsoring a crafts show Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The church is located at 8701 Argyle Forest Blvd. For more information, call 779-6511.

**The Clay County Chapter 1414 National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE)** invites all retired and currently employed federal employees to their regular monthly meeting Oct. 8 at 1 p.m. The meeting will be held at

the Orange Park Library, 2954 Plainfield Ave.

**The First Coast Black Nurses Association** will hold their next meeting Oct. 8 at 6 p.m. at Shands Jacksonville Hospital. Call Janneice Moore at 244-7950 for information.

**The crew of the USS Greene, DD266, AVD13, APD36** will gather in Jacksonville, at the Hilton-Jacksonville Riverside Oct. 10-13. The crew will visit NS Mayport and NAS Jax. Other events include a prayer breakfast, ceremony at the Lonely Sailor Statue and a banquet. For reservations and more information, call 398-8800.

**USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69) crewmembers** are hosting a 25th anniversary celebration Oct. 14-18 in Norfolk, Va. For more information visit the website at <http://www02.cfl.navy.mil/eisenhower> or email [ike25@eisenhower.navy.mil](mailto:ike25@eisenhower.navy.mil).

**The Jacksonville Semper Fidelis Society** will hold their next monthly luncheon on Oct. 16 at 11:30 a.m. at the Piccadilly Cafeteria near Regency Mall. For more information, call Sharon Leahy at 545-0635.

**The Jacksonville Semper Fidelis Society** is holding a Marine Corps Birthday Ball Nov.

8 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the San Jose Country Club. Retired Brig. Gen. Thomas Draude will be the guest speaker. The cost is \$45 per person/\$90 per couple. For more information call Sharon Leahy at 545-0635 or log on to [www.jaxsemperfidelis.org](http://www.jaxsemperfidelis.org).

**VS-30/VS-801** will hold their 50th Anniversary Celebration March 12-15 (in conjunction with Viking Week East) in Jacksonville. Contact: Lt. D.B. Waidelich at 542-8546 or email [waidelichdb@vs30.navy.mil](mailto:waidelichdb@vs30.navy.mil). Anyone searching for memorabilia and history should contact Cmdr. Ruth at [ruthda@cswl.navy.mil](mailto:ruthda@cswl.navy.mil).

## JAX TALES BY MIKE JONES

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# JAX SPORTS NEWS

**Sports officials and score-keepers needed**

The North Florida Military Officials Association is looking for people to officiate soccer, softball, football, and volleyball at NAS Jax. Scorekeepers also needed for basketball. Experience not required. If interested, contact Al Vandercar 282-0809.

**Intramural basketball meeting coming up**

The intramural basketball league is open to all NAS Jax active duty commands and personnel. The organizational meeting will be held Oct. 9 in the Quarterdeck Conference Room (Building 590) at 11:30 a.m. The season is scheduled to begin Nov. 4. All interested personnel should attend the meeting to discuss rules and to get the required paperwork to join the league.

**Singles fall tennis tourney slated**

A Men's and Women's Tennis Tournament is scheduled for Oct. 21 at 5 p.m. The event is free and open to all NAS Jax authorized men and women. Matches will be played at the Birmingham tennis courts. Call NAS Jax Athletics to sign up by Oct. 20.

**Greybeard basketball meeting scheduled**

The Greybeard league is open to all NAS Jax active duty commands and personnel ages 32 and above. A meeting will be held Nov. 6 in the MWR Conference Room of Building 590 at 11:30 a.m. The season scheduled to begin Nov. 26 with games played Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. and noon. Interested personnel should attend the meeting to discuss rules and to get the required paperwork to join league.

**All-Navy wrestling tryouts coming up**

These tryouts will be conducted by Rob Hermann, All-Navy wrestling coach, at the NAS Jax Gym on Oct. 25 from 5-7 p.m. Weigh-ins will not be conducted and wrestling equipment is not required to tryout. Weight classes are 119; 127; 138; 152; 167; 187; 213; and 286. Call NAS Jax Athletics to sign up.

**Navy Southeast Regional Running and Triathlon Team**

Are you a runner and would you like to represent the Navy in 5K, 10K, marathons, and/or triathlons? The Navy will showcase elite active duty men and women in regional races. Uniforms are provided along with transportation, entry fees, and lodging costs.

Interested runners must compete in sanctioned (USA Track

and Field, USA Triathlon Association, or Roadrunners Clubs of America) races and your time must be one of top ten regional qualifying times. If you have run in a sanctioned race and your time meets regional qualifying time, contact your base athletic director.

Qualifying times:

	5K	
Men - 19:00	Women 24:00	10K
Men - 34:00	Women 46:00	Marathon
Men - 3H 30M	Women 4H	Triathlon
Men - 2H 30M	Women 3H	

Triathlon time based on 1.5k swim, 10k run, 40k bike.

*For more information about any of the sports articles, call Bill Bonser, Sports Coordinator or Mike Gorman, Athletic Director at 542-2930/3239 or e-mail us at dbonser@nasjax.navy.mil or dgorman@nasjax.navy.mil.*

# SPORTS STANDINGS

Intramural Flag Football Standings As of Sept. 27

Team	Wins	Losses
VP-30	7	0
VR-58	6	0
SEC/Weps	6	1
VP-45	5	2
Galley	4	2
VS-31	4	2
AIMD	3	2
NLSO/TSO	3	4
CNRSE/ASTC	2	5
NavHosp	2	5
VP-5	1	2
VS-32	1	5
AIMD 600	1	6
CBU-410	0	5

Intramural Softball Standings As of Sept. 27

Team	Wins	Losses
VP-5	3	0
VP-30	3	2
NAMTRA	2	1
VP-45	2	1
Air Ops	2	2
AIMD	1	1
HS-5	1	3
SERCC	1	3
NavHosp	0	3

Greybeard Softball Standings As of Sept. 27

Team	Wins	Losses
NAMTRA	3	0
VP-30	2	1
VS-32	2	1
AIMD	1	2
VP-45	1	2
CPRW-11	0	3



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